

TEKS UCAPAN DATO SERI DR SITI HASMAH BINTI HAJI MOHD ALI
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MAJLIS PELANCARAN "THE KUALA LUMPUR SEASON
OF CHANG AND ENG - THE MUSICAL"
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1. Saya ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada pihak penganjur kerana menjemput saya untuk melancarkan "the Kuala Lumpur Season of Chang and Eng - the Musical" pada _____ hari _____ ini.
2. The story of the original Siamese Twins Chang and Eng is an amazing and inspirational one. It's hard to imagine how it was like for the two brothers to have lived their whole lives conjoined as one for more than sixty years. Despite their physical handicap, they managed to lead very colourful and fulfilling lives. To me, their story exemplifies the value of harmony and interdependency and I believe it will strike a chord among the people of Malaysia.
3. I am pleased that this internationally acclaimed musical is finally coming to Malaysia. The Kuala Lumpur Season of Chang & Eng at Istana Budaya is an even more special occasion because this is a musical whose heart is shaped by a Malaysian composer and lyricist. It delights me to learn that it was Ken, a KL boy from Peel Road who penned all the music and lyrics in this heartwarming musical. I was told that he went to the same tuition centre as my daughter in state PJ when he was a teenager. Though I did not get to meet him during that time, I am pleased to have finally met him as he prepares for his 'musical homecoming' by bringing back his work to his hometown.
4. Ken's involvement in Chang & Eng - The Musical, is another example of how our very own homegrown talents have contributed significantly to world-class projects and I hope to see more of such collaborations in the global arena.
5. Let me end by saying "welcome home" to Ken. As for the cast and the crew of Chang & Eng - The Musical, I wish you a successful season in Kuala Lumpur. We very much look forward to seeing you bringing to life the heartwarming story of the Siamese Twins on Malaysian stage.
6. Dengan ini saya dengan sukacitanya merasmikan pelancaran "The Kuala Lumpur Season of Chang and Eng - the Musical".